Setting up of Indian Institute of Information Technology at Bhubaneshwar

2112. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an Indian Institutte of Information Technology at Bhubaneswar; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Initial ground work towards setting up the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) has been done.

However, in view of the large investments involved and the need to provide well defined directions in the establishment of IIITs, Department of Electronics has invited views from a cross-section of people engaged in the areas of academics, implementation and applications of Informatics and related disciplines regarding objectives, scope, logistics and administration of these institutions. Their views are presently being examined. In order to develop convergent perspective of the goals of these institutions, Department of Electronics proposes to shortly hold a workshop where different aspects relating to the setting up of the Institutes will be discussed. Further course of action will be decided after the above workshop.

Manufacture of Coloured T V. sets and Video Cassette by the ET & T

2113. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State owned ET & T have announced the rate of a colour Television set at Rs. 6,400/-;

(b) whether this rate of a colour Television includes sales tax, one year full guarantee with free replacement of components and after sales service at the customer's door step;

(c) whether the ET & T have any plan to manufacture video cassette recorders by importing the components and assembling them here;

(d) whether it is a fact that this job is already being done by private manufacturers; and

(e) if so, instead of trading whether the public sector organisation like ET & T propose to develop technology and exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: (a) The recommended price of Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Ltd. (ET & T) Horizontal 51 cms. CTV was Rs. 6575/- excluding local taxes, and Rs. 7774/- plus local taxes for Vertical model 51 cms. CTV under its Material, Technology and Brand (MTB) Scheme.

ET & T will be launching a new model of 51 cms. CTV by end of December, 1988 which will be priced lower than existing model on account of certain cost effective components being used.

(b) ET & T's recomended prices are ex-factory and does not include local taxes. However, it carries warranty for one year and free replacement of components during warranty period and after sale services at their offices.

(c) ET & T has been asked to submit a revised composite application for manufacture of VCRs/VCPs.